

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Industries Department- Permission to operate Industries Manufacturing essential commodities during Lock down- Directions- Orders issued.

INDUSTRIES(D)DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

Government have received large number of requests from various industrial units seeking exemptions for units to manufacture and distribute essential goods including health products in the state in the areas of Lock Down and containment.

Government have considered the matter in detail. It is found that there is huge economic impact prevailing due to the closing down of these industries and therefore to mitigate the negative impact in this regard and to bring in huge relief to the industrial sectors in the state, the following guidelines are issued for smooth functioning of the above mentioned manufacturing units, strictly following the health orders in this matter.

1. All Industrial units and industries with in the containment zone will be permitted to function with the condition that no one should be allowed to enter into the containment zone, if it is possible to do so.
2. The products so manufactured will be stocked with in the containment zone till such time that the restrictions are lifted.
3. Where there is no containment, industrial units may be allowed to operate normally and if required, to restrict the deployment of employees at 50% with all protection measures such as social distancing, wearing of mask, frequent washing of hands with soap and checking temperature when the persons enter and exit the compound of the unit.

Industrial Units in Containment Zone

1. The workers coming in the industrial units and going back issue within the containment zone need to be worked out properly by the Industrial Unit Management.
2. Everyday symptom screening to be done by the Management.
3. Anybody with the symptoms may be tested in the private laboratories and also as per the Industrial Units Welfare Policies to be sent for treatment in their empanelled Hospitals or as per the Group Insurance Scheme of the Industrial Unit.
4. No worker with any influenza like symptoms shall not be permitted to work.
5. Social distancing, frequent hand hygiene and provision for providing mask to be ensured. Similarly, waste disposal should be done properly.
6. The Cafeteria management for tea, snacks and lunch to be done properly, avoiding crowding and maintaining social distance.

Industrial units in no containment zone

1. Transportation of the workforce to be done properly by the Management.
2. All the above points are applicable for the industrial units in no containment zone.

Generic Instructions

1. Wherever possible add shift and de-congest workers coming at the same time.
2. Do work flow study and accordingly arrange the staff inflow by doing time structuring.
3. Do design improvement on the assembly floor to avoid aerosol contamination.
4. Repeated cleaning of surfaces.
5. Distribute IEC related to COVID.
6. Contact DISHA number 1056
7. The Covid Protocols and advisories issued by Health Department shall scrupulously followed.

8. Intensified testing of those working together in Industrial Units to be undertaken.

(By order of the Governor)

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